



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2010

State Capitol Room 447

Sacramento, CA

10:00 am

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on November 4, 2010 at 10:13 am.

Members Present:

Vice Chairperson Tom Umberg
Vice Chairperson Lynn Schenk
Fran Florez
Judge Quentin Kopp
Rod Diridon
David Crane

Members Absent:

Chairman Curt Pringle
Russ Burns
Richard Katz

Agenda Item # 1 - Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided. Positive support was voiced, while concern was conveyed by some.

Agenda Item # 2 - Finance Committee Report

Vice Chairman Umberg reported to the board on the October 20, 2010 Finance Committee meeting held in Sacramento. Mr. Umberg stated that Authority staff presented the outcome of the Request for Proposal selection process for the Financial Consulting Services contract. Staff recommended to the committee delegating to the CEO the authority to enter into an agreement with the team led by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC). The Program Manager for PWC, Sotiris Pagdadis, gave a brief presentation to the Committee, followed by a series of questions by the committee members on PWC's team composition and experience.

Member Kopp queried the committee whether the questioning examined PWC's prior experience with either HSR or Rail Project. Vice Chair Umberg confirmed that that line of questioning had been a part of their discussion.

Vice Chair Umberg entertained a motion, Member Schenk made the motion to approve the staff's recommendation, Member Crane seconded. Roll was called: Motion passed 6-0

Agenda Item # 3 – Corridor Selection Criteria

CEO van Ark and Cliff Eby (Program Manager) made a presentation to the board regarding American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding, as well as draft set of proposed Selection Criteria incorporating the most recent guidance letter from FRA.

Member Diridon expressed concern over the proposed criteria regarding “litigation or threat of litigation”. Based on the board discussion of this issue staff were directed to remove this as ARRA corridor selection criteria.

Member Kopp recommended amending the selection criteria language replacing the word “transit” with “transport”, and include mass transportation. Without objection, Vice Chair Umberg states that amendment will be included in the selection criteria.

Vice Chair Umberg clarified the changes that are to be made under selection criteria. Member Kopp moved to adopt the criteria as modified, Member Crane seconded. Roll was called: Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Item # 4 – Supplemental Alternatives Analysis/San Francisco – San Jose

Bob Doty made a presentation on the Supplemental Alternatives Analysis for San Francisco to San Jose recommending that the Authority add a below grade trench alternative at Redwood City, between approximately Howard Avenue to just south of Woodside Road.

An opportunity for public comment was provided on this agenda item.

Member Kopp moved to adopt the staff recommendation, Member Diridon seconded. Roll was called: Motion passed 5-0

CEO Report

CEO van Ark announced the departure of Cliff Eby (Program Manager), and introduced General Hans van Winkle as the new Program Manager.

Mr. van Ark gave an update on recent events and meetings he has attended.

Vice Chair Umberg requested Mr. van Ark explore the issues regarding the Authority’s compliance with FPPC requirements and report back at next meeting how the Authority can accomplish that.

Member Reports

Member Kopp requested a review and report on the public relations contract at the December board meeting. As of June he notes that approximately \$1.3 million has been billed and the contract contains a clause with a limit of \$1.5 million a year over 5 years and he would like an evaluation of the effectiveness of the services reflected in those bills.

Member Diridon welcomed General van Winkle. Announced that Mr. van Ark spoke before the San Jose Rotary Club, the Mayor, County Executives, as well as a dozen Judges were in attendance and was recorded by the Commonwealth Club to be broadcast on 230 radio stations across the nation last month.

Member Schenk commended Mr. van Ark, hitting the ground running, bringing in new staff etc. She also encouraged him to bring an in-house counsel to oversee the legal part of this project.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 pm